



## The ORIS Alongi Competition COMPETITION PROGRAM AND RULES

Competition Day: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Backup Competition Days: 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> July

### Disclaimer:

The competition program, registration conditions fishing conditions and any general conditions will be governed by the Competition officials, and the Competition Director's decision will be final.

The **COMPULSORY** meeting for all skippers will be held on the **22<sup>nd</sup> June from 19:30, at Giordanos Bar & Restaurant, Triq is-Sidra, Swieqi**. During this meeting skippers must register themselves, their vessels and their crew. In addition we will give a basic safety briefing, and discuss the rules in more detail and provide other relevant information. All skippers **must** attend this meeting; crew are welcome to come along.

A start time of 04:30 has been selected, (except for Gnejna 05:00), however whilst nautical twilight will commence at around 04:45, we advise waiting until 05:00 for safe navigation to the fishing grounds at cruising speed. For safety reasons given the high number of unmarked floats and other fishing apparatus found in our waters, we advise that vessels depart at slow speed until 05:00.

Result announcement: On the MFF forum that same evening.

Distribution of prizes: Presentation Event to be scheduled after the end of the world cup, participants will be advised.

### General Registration Conditions:

- **The Skipper and his crew agrees to wear an ORIS cap and t-shirt, that will be provided for free by the sponsor – you are required to wear this on the day of the competition.**
- **For identification reasons ALL vessels must fly the ORIS flag at all times during the competition.**
- The Competition is open to all, including members of other clubs and the general public
- By registering you confirm your availability to also participate on the backup dates if required due to prevailing weather conditions; no refunds will be given.
- All vessels should carry a working VHF or at least one mobile phone, whose number must be reported to the organizers in advance.
- The Organiser does not bear any responsibility for damage or incidents that may occur. The Skipper is personally responsible his vessel, crew, and safety equipment including all damage toward third parties.
- This competition may be filmed by 'Caf Caf', and by signing the registration form you agree to participate in the filming of this program and waive any claim to the content produced.

## ORIS ALONGI COMPETITION ENTRY FEE PER PERSON

All others:	€12 per person
Forum Premium Members:	€8.00 per person
Forum VIP Members:	€5.00 per person

## REGISTRATION PROCESS and DEADLINE:

**Please also register your notice of intent to participate online at [www.maltafishingforum.com/talk](http://www.maltafishingforum.com/talk) and then follow the link to the competition intention to participate – we need to know total numbers and T-Shirt sizes in advance.**

Early registration is advised. All skippers can register up till and including the date of the registration and safety briefing, after that no new boats can be registered or additional crew members.

Late entries will **NOT** be accepted after the 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Registration and Safety briefing.

- Boat skippers should contact the organisers with their intention to participate in competition, either on the MFF forum or by email to [admin@maltafishingforum.com](mailto:admin@maltafishingforum.com)
- The Organisers will give or send them a Registration Form if requested; otherwise it can be completed in person at the safety briefing.
- The Registration Form, properly filled in, must be signed and the registration fee paid.
- No refunds will be given following registration.

## CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

The competition will only be postponed if a combination of local weather forecasts show the wind speed to be a consistent 11 knots and over on the West Coast.

All participants are advised to check the Malta Fishing Forum website for the latest news the night before and ensure that their mobile number is entered in the registration form so that they can be advised by SMS.

The backup days will have the same timings as the 29th, and as listed at the top of page 1. In the event that the main day cannot be utilised due to the weather conditions, a decision will be taken as to whether the competition will be cancelled or postponed to another date.

If the competition is cancelled and will not be held, the entry fees will be refunded.

The decision will be taken by the competition officials and announced by the Competition Director who decision will be final.

2010 ORIS ALONGI COMPETITION OVER €3000 Worth of PRIZES

1st Prize: **ORIS “Der Meistertaucher” Swiss Watch worth €1900**  
Okuma Classic 45L 2010 model, Strike Pro Set of 3 lures from Okuma Malta  
3 Adult Lifejackets, 4 bottles of Premium Wine from Hi-Tec Marine

2nd Prize: OceanLED A6 Amphibians underwater LED lights from RLR worth €480  
PENN trolling reel 185 SEA BOY, Strike Pro Set of 3 lures from Okuma Malta  
3 Adult Lifejackets, 4 bottles of Premium Wine from Hi-Tec Marine

3rd Prize: Riviera Marine Compass from Zarb Stores  
X-tools Gaff floating type 170CM, Strike Pro Set of 3 lures from Okuma Malta  
3 Adult Lifejackets, 4 bottles of Premium Wine from Hi-Tec Marine

4th Prize: €50 Cheque for fuel from Malta Fishing Forum, Lifejacket, PREDAPRO Lure

5th Prize: €40 Cheque for fuel from Malta Fishing Forum, Lifejacket, PREDAPRO Lure

6th Prize: €30 Cheque for fuel from Malta Fishing Forum, Lifejacket, PREDAPRO Lure

Biggest Fish: 30 lbs Class Reel OKUMA SD-45L and Rod MITCHELL UNIVERSE II 30LB from Okuma Malta

TROPHIES provided by ORIS Swiss Watches

**Trophies awarded to the teams finishing in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

**A Maximum of Three Trophies will be provided.**

**Single Trophy for the biggest fish.**

A hall of fame will be created online documenting the winners each year.

# ORIS ALONGI COMPETITION FISHING RULES

This is an Albacore (ALONGI) competition for recreational fishermen. Only Albacore caught using the following methods with a rod and reel or hand line will be considered as valid fish for this competition:

Trolling Artificial Lures

Trolling Live Bait, with or without downriggers / planers.

Jigging

Popping (Spinning lures or similar)

Chumming and Chunking

**The use of long lines/nets is NOT permitted and will result in instant disqualification if found during the inspection or if used during the competition.**

**Only Albacore (Alongi) will be eligible to be weighed in, each fish will be marked on the tail once weighed.**

All undersized fish should be released; please ensure you are familiar with the latest local regulations concerning minimum fish sizes. All Swordfish and Bluefin Tuna MUST be released as per local regulations.

The winner is the team with the **MOST AMOUNT** of Alongi caught. The order of merit for teams with the SAME amount of albacore caught will be judged based on the total overall weight.

## **Boat Inspection Checkpoints:**

Boats will be inspected before the competition start between at the following locations (If you are not checked you cannot compete)

### **02:15 – 03:00**

Marsamxett Pier – Near Valletta Waterpolo Pitch  
Approx GPS Position: 35°54.023'N 14°30.604'E

### **02:30 – 03:15**

Msida Marina Pontoons

### **03:00 – 04:00**

B'Bugia – San Gorg Jetty  
Approx GPS Position: 35°49.813'N 14°31.944'E

### **03:45 – 04:15**

Marfa Jetty – (Opposite Ramla Bay Hotel Resort)  
Approx GPS Position: 35°59.221'N 14°20.679'E

### **04:00 – 04:45**

Gnejna Bay Jetty/Slipway  
Approx GPS Position: 35°55.256'N 14°20.628'E

All vessels are requested to hold just off the quay to ensure sufficient space for each vessel to come alongside, and then make their way to the nearest start position once checked and wait for the official start.

### **Competition Start Time & Locations:**

Southern Area **04:30** from the fairway buoy outside the Freeport – this will be the start point for B'Bugia, Valletta and Msida boats – Start will be radioed over VHF Ch.06 by The Gaffer

Marfa Northern Area 1 – **04:30** leaving from Marfa Jetty

Gnejna Northern Area 2 – **05:00** leaving from Gnejna Jetty

### **Competition Finish Time and Weigh-in Station:**

12:00 - 13:00 Hamrija Bank Approx GPS Position: 35°49.445'N 14°25.540'E

All vessels within 250 meters of the designated marked support vessel who have not yet weighed in by 13:00 will be considered to have finished on time. You will come alongside a RIB or the main support vessel that will weigh your fish and give you a receipt. The support vessels will be clearly marked with ORIS flags and will be anchored in position.

All fish will have their tails marked once they have been weighed.

**Please ensure you have deployed your fenders before coming alongside.**

### **Backup Weigh-in Stations:**

In the event of bad weather preventing a floating finish, vessels from the south will revert to the checkpoint location at B'Bugia jetty and vessels from the North will be advised of their finish point in the Northern area – most likely the jetty at Popeye Village Bay.

### **Other Rules:**

No Boats (except those used for supervising/filming/support) are permitted to come within 10 meters of each other, or to go ashore during the competition except in an emergency, in which case they must contact the competition director either by VHF or mobile phone and report their problem.

The competition director *may* consider allowing the vessel to re-participate after coming ashore due to exceptional circumstances.

If either the skipper or any crew member breaks these rules, the whole team will be disqualified from the competition by the competition director, whose decision will be final.

The fishing rules will be governed by the competition officials listed below who will also be responsible for overseeing the weighing and recording of valid catches as well as the boat inspection points.

Support vessels will be operating in the area with competitions officials on board to verify that no vessels are breaking the rules; in addition the forum will have aerial coverage to take photographs of the event including possibly having a competition official on board.

Any vessel caught cheating or breaking the rules will be disqualified immediately.

Competition Support vessels ORIS 1 and ORIS 2 will be on the designated working VHF channel – Channel 06.

COMPETITION OFFICIALS AND CONTACT DETAILS:

- Nick Palmer-Morewood    Competition Director    Contact Number: 99802843
- Henri Debono                    Competition Official
- Italo Ellul                        Competition Official
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- Joe Debono                        Competition Official
- Michael Xuereb                 Competition Official    Contact Number: 79010001
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